At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 1, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair Dave Fisher, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

> APPEARANCE Dan Elliott, Administrator Utility Division

(278) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.6.102; On June 12, 1996,

Citizens Telecommunications filed a motion for a Protective Order to govern certain information

submitted by Citizens in conjunction with various tariff filings, new service filings or other miscellaneous

non-docket filings for which no other protective order would apply. Citizens=request is Ageneric@ in

the sense that it is not specific to any formal docket. A memo describing the filing with a copy of the

Protective Order was distributed on June 27, 1996. The order has been prepared according to the standard

format used by the Commission for other telecommunications carriers.

Commissioner Rowe moved to

approve the Protective Order as drafted. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(279) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N96.6.103; On June 12, 1996,

US West filed Tariff Transmittal 96-26, to offer the AFree Installation Proclamation@ for business

customers during a promotional period from July 8, 1996 through August 2, 1996. The nonrecurring

forth in Exchange and Network Services Tariff Item 16.1:

*Customized Call Management Services

*Call Forwarding-Variables & Call Forwarding Options

*Selected Custom Calling Services Packages

In addition, customers who select Call Forwarding Don=t Answer, Call Forwarding Don=t Answer $\,$

(Expanded), Call Forwarding Busy/Don=t Answer (External) and / or Call Forwarding Busy / Don=t $\,$

Answer (Expanded) features or BVMS will received 1 month free. USWC provided proprietary financial

support to waive the non-recurring charges and the 1 month charge for the promotional period.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the waiver for nonrecurring charges. Commissioner Oberg

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(280) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.6.94; On June 3, 1996,

Citizens Telecommunications filed to remove Special Access Services from its Montana tariff. A staff

memo was distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the removal of Special Access Services

from the tariff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Bonnie Lorang Transportation Division

(281) In the matter of TN1797; Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage, Billings, Montana requests

permission to suspend PSC No. 9332 for a period of six months, June 21, 1996 to December 21, 1996.

Class B - Passengers and their personal belongings between all points and places in the State of Montana.

Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with a rated seating capacity of

eight or less. (2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Yellowstone County. (3) No passenger

transportation services shall originate or terminate within Fergus, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Toole,

Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties, with the exception of Fort Smith, Montana and a

fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (4) Transportation utilizing luxury limousines or motor coach (bus) is

prohibited. (5) Transportation of railroad personnel is prohibited. (6) Transportation movements which

both originate and terminate within Billings, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof are prohibited.

(7) Transportation may not originate within Flathead County.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the suspension for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(282) In the matter of TN1798; Whitefish Sober Chauffeur Taxi, Inc., Whitefish, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 8235, SUB A, only for a period of six months, June 19, 1996 to December 19, 1996.

Class $\mbox{\bf B}$ - Passengers and baggage between points in Whitefish, Montana, on the one hand, and the

Kalispell bus depot, on the other. Limitations: (1) Carrier is prohibited from operating vehicles with a

passenger capacity above eight (8). (2) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the suspension of SUB A only for a period of \sin months.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Laura Calkin Centralized Services

(283) In the matter of the Commission's approval of the August 1996 Calendar; Commissioner Fisher

moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NANCY	McCAFF	REE,	Chair	
DAVE	FISHER,	Vice	Chair	

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's

Offices in Helena, Montana, on July 2, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commission Chair McCaffree was absent but participated in the following issue via telephone hookup.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(284) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Christine Strom v PTI - Complaint;

Commissioner Rowe moved to open a rulemaking procedure to address the tariff limitations on liability

for directory errors. Motion failed for lack of a second.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Eric Eck

(285) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a pending lawsuit settlement between US West

and the PSC; Commissioner Fisher moved to authorize Chair, McCaffree to sign on behalf of the

Commission a formal settlement agreement settling all matters in pending litigation of PSC ν USWC on

violation of PSC quality of service violations. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed.

Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Joel Tierney

(286) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Yellowstone Pipeline Company's request to raise

rates - Docket No. D96.1.10; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Default Order No. 5918.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(287) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cenex Pipeline's consolidation of tariffs - Docket

No. D96.4.75; Commissioner Rowe approve Default Order No. 5919. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(288) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utility's - Reserved Issue #1

(Department of Environmental Quality motion for reconsideration); Commissioner Oberg moved to deny

the motions of DEQ. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Bonnie Lorang

(289) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Darryl A. and Kimberly J. Lien d.b.a. Lienco

Tours, Troy, Montana - Docket No. T96.16.PCN; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant applicant's motion

to dismiss the protest of Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. (no standing) and to deny the motion

to dismiss the protest of Lincoln County Medical Transport. Commissioner Anderson seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Bonnie Lorang

(290) In the matter of Michael J. Vick and Nancy E. Immel d.b.a. Red Lodge Shuttle, Red Lodge,

Montana - Docket T96.18.PCN (Item #1 from Transportation Agenda); Commissioner McCaffree moved

to vacate the hearing date and allow additional time for discovery. Commissioner Anderson seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair
DAVID DI OVIDO IV.
DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

This issue was not heard by the full Commission but rather it was heard by the Quorum listed above.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(291) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ross Creek Hydro v MPC - Complaint;

Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to prepare an order in Ross Creek's favor based on the tariff

language. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Acting Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 8, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chair McCaffree was absent due to illness and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE Dennis Crawford Utility Division

(292) In the matter of HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N96.5.76; On May 1, 1996, Hot

Springs Telephone filed a revision of its entire tariff, including formatting and editing changes,

replacement pages for missing tariff pages, and new tariff provisions for semi-public telephone service

and construction charges for line extensions. A staff memo was distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved

to approve the revisions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(293) In the matter of LDDS WORLDCOM - Docket N96.6.112; On June 20, 1996, LDDS WorldCom

filed miscellaneous tariff changes, including a text change to revise its tariffed definition of Acustomer.@

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(294) In the matter of PROJECT TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N96.6.114; On June 26, 1996, Project

Telephone Co. filed to reduce its primary interexchange carrier change charge (PIC charge) from \$15 to

\$5. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the PIC reductions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

(295) In the matter of MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. Docket D96.6.109; On June 20, 1996, MDU

filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell up to 1,010,916 shares of Common Stock in

connection with MDU=s Tax Deferred Compensation Savings Plan for non-bargaining unit employees. A

Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Default Order No. 5928.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(296) In the matter of MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. Docket D96.6.110; On June 20, 1996, MDU

filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell up to 3,273,273 shares of Common Stock in

connection with MDU=s Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. A Default Order

has been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Default Order No. 5929. Commissioner Rowe

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(297) In the matter of MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. Docket D96.6.111; On June 20, 1996, MDU

filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell up to 743,661 shares of Common Stock in

connection with MDU=s Tax Deferred Compensation Savings Plan for Collective Bargaining Unit

Employees. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Default Order No.

5930. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(298) This item was heard by a quorum (3) Commissioners rather than the full body.

In the matter of ROSS CREEK HYDRO VS. MPC - Docket D96.2.26; Pursuant to Commission direction,

Final Order No. 5926 has been drafted and circulated and is up for action. Commissioner Rowe moved to

grant Final Order No. 5926. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE Bonnie Lorang

Transportation Division

(299) In the matter of TN1799; Schelko, Inc., Billings, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9352 to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a period of one year, July 17, 1996 to July 17, 1997.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in Yellowstone and Big Horn

Counties, Montana, on the one hand, on the other all points and places in Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet

Grass, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Counties, Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to

vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-one (21) passengers or less and no more than twenty-two (22)

persons in the vehicle, including the driver. (2) All transportation services must be provided in vehicles

capable of transporting more than seven (7) passengers (including the driver). (3) Transportation as a

jitney or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1)

hour in advance. (5) No transportation under this authority by luxury limousine automobile.

Commissioner Oberg moved to continue the lease of PSC No. 9352 for a period of one year.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE	FISHE	ER, Ac	ting	Chair	
BOB A	ANDERS	SON, C	Commis	ssione	r
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BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner Nancy McCaffree, Commissioner

Chair McCaffree removed herself as chair due to illness.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(300) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

proceedings in regard to the implementation of Telecommunications Act of 1996; Commissioner Rowe

moved to file comments with the FCC on coin operated pay phone issues and proceedings. Commissioner $\$

Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin, Kathy Anderson

(301) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the approval of its minutes for the months of

March, April, May and June, 1996; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Acting Chair
NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent due to illness, but left her votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE Dennis Crawford Utility Division

(302) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - N96.6.119; On June 28, 1996, MCI $\,$

Telecommunications Corp. filed miscellaneous tariff changes, including a text change to add

governmental agencies to Option P (MCI Masters) which is a one-way dial indial out multipoint service.

This was a notice item on Agenda No. 96-7-8. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff changes.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(303) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - N96.7.117; On July 1, 1996, US West

Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 96-27, AClean-Up Tariff - Custom Ringing Plus@. This

revision eliminates Custom Ringing Plus, as an offering in Section 5.4.10. This service became a part of

Custom Solutions tariff offering in Section 5.4.14, converting all Custom Ringing Plus Customers, to

Custom Solutions. This was a notice item on Agenda No. 96-7-8. Commissioner Oberg moved to

approve the tariff revision. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

- (304) In the matter of CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATION, INC. Docket N96.6.105; On June
- 14, 1996, Clark Fork Telecommunications submitted changes to their current tariff. These changes were:
- 1) to offer three different usage plans for internet users, 2) to adjust the casual usage fee for ${\tt CLASS}$

features and 3) to align the Plains/St. Regis exchange boundary line to correspond with the county

boundary line. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the changes to the tariff. Commissioner Anderson

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner $McCaffree\ voted$ aye.

- (305) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS Docket N96.7.118; On July 1,
- 1996, Central Montana Communications submitted a request to offer Internet access as a detariffed

service. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the $\,$

motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation Division

(306) In the matter of Docket T-96.16.PCN; Darryl A. Lien & Kimberly J. Lien dba Lienco Tours,

Troy, Montana applied for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties

have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers 1) between points within Lincoln and Sanders Counties with all such transportation

originating or terminating in Troy, Montana, and 2) between Troy, Montana and Glacier International

Airport located in Flathead County. Limitations: Transportation by limousines is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner

Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(307) In the matter of TN1800; Clark=s Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana and Cody Bus Lines, Inc.,

Red Lodge, Montana mutually request the cancellation of the lease of PSC No. 3091 SUB A, only effective July 15, 1996.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2)

between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all

points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC 3091 (Sub A only) effective July 15, 1996. Commissioner

Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(308) In the matter of TN1801; Clark=s Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests permission to lease

PSC No. 3091 (Sub A, only) to Michael J. Vick & Nancy E. Immel dba Red Lodge Shuttle, Red Lodge,

Montana for a period of three months, July 15, 1996 to October 15, 1996.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2)

between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all

points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant permission to lease PSC No. 3091 (Sub A, only) for a period of three

months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner

McCaffree voted aye.

(SEAL)

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair	
NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner	
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner	
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner	
BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:	
Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary	

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent due to illness. McCaffree voted on each of the following items later in the day as indicated.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(309) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/PTI, the withdrawal of Centrex and

Digitrex Service - Docket No. D96.2.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to revise the procedural schedule,

vacate the July 31, 1996 hearing date and directed staff to reschedule the hearing. Commissioner Rowe

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant US West Communications request for an opportunity to respond to

AT&T's motion to strike until July 19, 1996 and to allow AT&T an opportunity to file a response until

August 2, 1996. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(310) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Carrier Common Line, to change the date

scheduled for hearing - Docket No. D96.4.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve a revision of the $\,$

August 1, 1996 hearing date. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(311) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the complaint of Jensen v MPC concerning the

Choteau outage - Docket No. D96.6.93; Commissioner Anderson moved to dismiss the complaint based

on staff investigation of the circumstances. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(312) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of certain Federal Communications Commission

proceedings and matters; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to prepare and submit comments on

competitive operator services. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to prepare comments in support of comments of other states on certain Universal Services issues. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Acting Chair

NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent due to illness but participated in the following work session via telephone.

APPEARANCE Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(313) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a settlement between USWC and the PSC of a pending lawsuit; Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the settlement and authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign an agreement settling the lawsuit. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Acting Chair

NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

were present:

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the following members

Nancy McCaffree, Chair Dave Fisher, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent due to traveling for meetings in Libby and Troy, Montana.

APPEARANCE Karen Hammel

(314) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Carrier Common Line and requests for

late intervention by Pacific Telecommunications, Inc. - Docket No. D96.4.70; Commissioner Oberg

moved to grant late intervention to PTI. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed.

Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 29, 1996, the following members

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 29, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair Dave Fisher, Vice Chair Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were on vacation, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator Utility Division

(315) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket N96.6.115; On June 26, 1996,

Montana Power Company requested that the Commission preserve July 1, 1996, as the effective date for

implementing the second two years of the four year decoupling experiment approved in Docket $\ensuremath{\text{No}}$.

93.6.24. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the request to preserve the July 1, 1996 date.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioners Anderson and

Rowe voted aye.

(316) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N96.7.122; On July 3, 1996, Citizens Telecom

filed to remove Cancel Call Waiting as a stand-alone feature and add a two-feature package of Call $\,$

Waiting and Cancel Call Waiting priced 50 cents less than the previous pricing structure. Commissioner

Oberg moved to approve the cancellation of Cancel Call Waiting and add the two-feature package.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioners Anderson and

Rowe voted aye.

Additional Item

(317) In the matter of Black Hill Corporation dba Black Hill Power and Light Co. - D96.6.10; On July

19, 1996 BHPL filed a petition for an order authorizing the applicant to increase its electric rates in order

to reflect the increased cost of fuel used in the generation of electricity. The fuel costs concerned are for

the months of March, April and May, 1996 - Docket No. D96.6.107; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant

Default Order No. 5934. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously (3-0).

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were not present for this additional item and therefore did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation Division

(318) In the matter of Docket T-96.32.RI; In the matter of the tariff filing by Intermountain Tariff

Bureau, Inc. (for and on behalf of its participating carriers) for increases in rates and charges in its ITB

Household Goods Tariff No. 27-A of 3%. Due to rounding to the nearest nickel, the increases may range

between 0% and 4.17%. There have been no protests received and the increases may become effective on

July 29, 1996. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(319) In the matter of Docket T-96.42.RI; In the matter of the tariff filing by Milam, Inc. dba A-Limo

Limousine Co., Huntley, Montana, for increases in rates and charges in its Passenger Tariff No. 1 of

between 6.7% and 20%. There have been no protests received and the increases may become effective on

August 8, 1996. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Fisher seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE Laura Calkin Centralized Services

(320) In the matter of the approval of the September, 1996 Calendar; Commissioner Fisher moved to

approve the calendar as submitted. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair
DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 30, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair Dave Fisher, Vice Chair Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were on vacation, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(321) In the matter of the Commission=s discussion of Great Falls Gas consolidation of tracker and

general case and related matters - Docket Nos. D96.6.108 and D96.7.123; Commissioner Oberg moved to

consolidate the two dockets into a single case for Commission consideration as $Docket\ No.\ D96.7.123.$

Commissioner seconded Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

(322) In the matter of the Commission=s discussion of US West Communications Carrier Common

Line - Docket No. D96.4.70; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the revised procedural schedule and

hearing dates. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin, Wayne Budt

- (323) In the matter of the Commission=s discussion of the Commission Minutes for the weeks of July
- 1, 1996, July 8, 1996 and July 15, 1996; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the minutes as recorded.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioners Rowe and

Anderson voted aye.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair	
DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair	
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner	

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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